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Donna Jones Morris, Director
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Dear Donna,

The Utah State Archives seeks to be certified as a research library by the State Library Board in order to be eligible for an LSTA mini grant for the Utah Legislative Floor Debate Audio Recordings Preservation and Access Digitization Project. The Archives is in compliance with the eligibility requirements for a research library as specified in the FY 2006-2007 LSTA Grants Handbook (Eligibility Criteria for Utah Libraries Applying for LSTA Grants, C-4, page 9).

The State Archives employs two formally trained librarians with a master's degree in library or information science from an ALA-accredited program. Elizabeth Perkes received an MLS from Brigham Young University in 1990. Susan Murnford received an MLS from Emporia State University in December 2005. Gina Strack, the project director, currently is enrolled in an MLS program at the University of Washington.

The Utah State Archives, in partnership with the Utah State Historical Society, jointly operates the Utah History Research Center which provides public access to the collections of both agencies. The research center collections include state and local government records, books, manuscripts, and historical photographs, maps, and architectural drawings that are not otherwise available. Holdings are used by scholars in Utah and other states as well as researchers worldwide.

The Utah State Archives is a division of state government and not part of an institution of higher learning.

We ask that the Utah State Library Board of Trustees consider certification of the Utah State Archives as a research library at its March 28, 2007, board meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Smith-Mansfield".

Patricia Smith-Mansfield